

## DEFIED BLACK HAND, A BOMB WRECKED HOUSE

Brooklyn Blackmailers Shatter Home of Victim and Seven Children.

A stick of dynamite placed in front of the home of John D'Lesio, a wealthy saloon-keeper, of No. 132 Twentieth street, Brooklyn, who lives with his wife and seven children on the upper floors, at 4:30 A. M. to-day broke the windows of D'Lesio's house, the windows of a house next door and the windows of a house across the street and threw the neighborhood into a panic.

The attempt to blow up D'Lesio's home followed the receipt of four letters from the Black Hand Society, in which blackmailers demanded \$3,000.

D'Lesio is president of the St. John Association, an organization of Italians in Brooklyn, and is prominent among his countrymen. For the past twenty-eight years, or since he came to America, D'Lesio has made and saved money, until he now owns eight houses in Brooklyn and his bank account is swelling fast.

Ordered to Pay \$2,000. Some months ago D'Lesio received a letter in which he was told that "the Society" was in need of \$2,000 and that he was expected to pay the money. This letter instructed him to turn the money over to his best friend, who was expected to take it to Fifty-fifth street and Third avenue, Manhattan. There he would meet a man who would recognize him by a white handkerchief which he was to wear about his neck. The man was to say to D'Lesio's friend: "What have you got there—eggs?" D'Lesio's friend was expected to reply: "Eggs."

D'Lesio communicated with the police of the Fifth avenue station, and efforts were made to catch the writer of the letter. Then came a second letter, and a third. A few days ago D'Lesio, having placed his case in the hands of Detectives Vachris, of Brooklyn, and Potosini, of Manhattan, entered into a contract to buy another house.

Threatened Kidnapping. The next day he received a fourth letter, in which he was told that if the \$2,000 was not paid at once he would be killed and one of his children kidnapped. This letter also was given to the police.

An alarm of fire was sounded by a strange man from the box at Twenty-first street and Fourth avenue early this morning. After calling the engines the man took to his heels and escaped.

Before the engines had rattled back to their homes the explosion occurred in front of D'Lesio's house. So loud was the explosion that the families in the neighborhood were shaken, and families carrying their children to school were frightened and children were running through the streets.

Residents Lanny and Fox and Potosini, Daniel O'Rourke found the burst bomb. They also saw the man who had fired the bomb in every direction. It was their belief that the alarm of fire was sent in a block away from D'Lesio's house so that attention would be attracted to a block away while the bomb was exploded. It was the opinion of the police that more than one man had to do with the explosion.

The four letters written to D'Lesio are in the hands of the police, but none of them furnishes any more of a clue than the usual Black-Hand letter furnishes.

## CALLED HIS WIFE LARAB AND PIN HEAD

Unusual Epithets Are Applied by Son of Prof. Danton in Court.

Anthony Danton, twenty-three years old, who says his business is "art," was in the Morrisania Court to-day charged by his wife with two years ago, with non-support. She admitted she did not want him to support her, but was anxious to have the custody of their three-year-old child, George Leslie Danton.

"Magistrate, 'Battery Dan' Finn was on the bench. So complicated was the case that at last he ordered Agent Thompson, of the City Society, to investigate the condition of the child. Young Danton was paroled on his own recognizance.

Danton lives with his father, Prof. Ferdinand Danton, of Fordham University, at No. 287 Chamberling avenue, the Bronx. Prof. Danton is widely known among artists as a sculptor and mural decorator. His best known piece of work was the decorating of the Chicago Auditorium. Young Danton has two brothers—Socrates and Ferdinand, Jr. In the course of the hearing to-day he said that his wife had left him to live with none of them.

Mr. Danton said that they were married in Chicago five years ago, and that when she said that they then came to the Bronx and lived with his parents. His oldest child, Albert, four years, was adopted by Prof. Danton. Last May, she said he ordered her to leave the house and take her infant then about two months old. She said the Dantons were willing to keep the three-year-old boy, George Leslie. She told the court that she went to live with Mrs. Fobel at No. 212 West Ninety-eighth street, and that she intends to go with Mrs. Fobel to Europe in a few weeks.

"All I want," she said, "is to be sure little George will be well taken care of. My wife is a liar," he shouted. "She's a pinhead. She hasn't the brains of a mouse."

He is tall and wears his yellow hair long and waving in true artist fashion. It was with some difficulty that the magistrate was able to calm him. Then Danton carried the boy out of the courtroom. Mrs. Danton followed. When her husband put the child on the sidewalk she put the little fellow's hand and led him along.

## JAPAN MEETING BIG DEBTS.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—A despatch from Tokyo says that the financial programme of the Cabinet, which has passed the Lower House, will undoubtedly be endorsed by the Upper House. According to the programme the war debts, which will aggregate \$21,000,000 in 1907, will be completely paid off in 1910, during which year there will be no operations of conversion. The programme shows that the domestic debts, now amounting to \$23,000,000, will be entirely discharged in 1910.

## THE MILLIONAIRE FACE—A COMPOSITE.



The central picture is a composite photograph of America's most noted millionaires. It is a peculiarity of the camera that it accentuates in a corporeal way the very points that appeal most directly to the mind of the trained observer. It will be noted that the features of J. Pierpont Morgan and George Gould commingle most prominently in the picture, and the face of Russell Sage, which has more rugged lines, gives not a sign. The whiskers of Charles R. Flint leave but a spiritistic trace and the grocery boy smile of Charles M. Schwab is absolutely missing. The leer of John Kernese Rockefeller is observable in a shadowy way in the eyes. The top hair of John W. Gate is saved and there is just a suggestion of the long straight nose of John Jacob Astor.

## FINED \$100 FOR AN ODDFELLOWS' ROW

"The defendant officers of the Hamilton Lodge of Odd Fellows didn't like Brother James E. Taylor, and, claiming he had got in without the due formalities of mystic signs and passwords, hustled him out," said Fred B. House before Justice Blanchard to-day, and a dozen seagulls in the rear seats looked as sad as if it were a funeral.

"Then he received from Justice Geserich a temporary injunction," continued Mr. House. "On the argument of their counsel, John Delahanty, said Brother Taylor had not given the proper password, but it was shown that these officials had changed the password for the purpose of keeping Taylor out, and Justice Fitzgerald made the injunction permanent."

"Brother Taylor knocked at the outer door again and worked his way into the august presence of Acting Noble Grand Arthur G. Derrick, Vice-Grand Eli Harris, Secretary W. David Brown

and Brother Henry H. Dennis. These and others laid violent hands upon him. He showed fight. They threw him out. Now Brother Taylor didn't like this. So he went around to the police station for a cop. The lodge had also sent word to the station. It was a riotous fall and the reserves were sent to the scene of conflict. Brother Taylor went along with them. Then Noble Grand and High and Mighty pointed him out as the riot. Brother Taylor showed his face of indignation and the police about-faced and went back to the station.

"Then it was that the high and mighty picked brother Taylor out again, and we ask you to punish them for their contempt in defying the order of this court."

Justice Blanchard fined the three officers named and Brother Henry H. Dennis \$50 each, together with the costs. Failure to pay will mean Ludlow Street Jail.

## GOLD GOING TO ARGENTINA.

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## PAPA "TICKLED NURSE BRIDGEY."

"In opposing this application for \$1,000 a year alimony and \$25 counsel fee for Marie Louise Watson in her suit for absolute divorce from John Hall Watson, Jr., who bears the name of an honored father, I wish to call your attention to the allegation of her sister, Sarah Edwards Hidden, as an example of the lengths to which this apparent family conspiracy has gone." So said S. Stanley Menken to-day in Justice Blanchard's part of the Supreme Court when the motion of Mrs. Watson's counsel,

Mr. Menken, declared that the testimony of other witnesses for Mrs. Watson had been paid for.

Mr. May declared that John Hall Watson, who is now living in Manchester, Vt., has an income of \$1,675 a year, and lived with his wife at No. 62 West Fifty-third street. They took the Vermont place and moved there three years ago. Mr. Watson was in the real estate business.

Each lawyer moved to suppress certain scandalous portions of the affidavits of the others, and all the papers were taken by Justice Blanchard, who reserved decision.

John Hall Watson, Sr., was a famous New York lawyer. His son married in 1877, and lived with his wife at No. 62 West Fifty-third street. They took the Vermont place and moved there three years ago. Mr. Watson was in the real estate business.

Since the separation, he said, Mr. Watson had in fact paid his wife \$50 a month.

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## CORRUPTION HINT BY ROJESTVENSKY

He and His Men May Be Responsible for Defeat by Japs, but Are Not Thieves, He Says.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 14.—"Perhaps I am guilty to some extent for our defeat and perhaps my subordinates did not do all they might have done, but at all events we who fought the battle were not thieves," said Admiral Rojestvensky, who addressed the Imperial Technical Society last evening on the causes of the defeat of the Russians at the battle of the Sea of Japan. The Admiral made no specifications regarding 'fascality' in the construction or equipment of the ships, but he commented at length on the destructive effect of the heavy Japanese shells, which, when they only exploded in the water near the Russian vessels, cracked their plates and opened great leaks, while those which hit the Russian ships were as destructive as mines. A young lieutenant during the discussion attempted to lay the blame on submarine boats, but the Admiral denied that submarine boats or mines were used during the engagement.

## AGAINST RICHMOND COLONY.

(Special to The Evening World.) ALBANY, Feb. 14.—A bill designed to prevent the establishment in Richmond Borough of a consumptive colony, for which the city has already drawn plans and made an appropriation, was introduced to-day by Assemblyman Wedemeyer.

## KILLED BY CEILING FALLING UPON HER

While Asleep Aged Mrs. Anna Raiss Was Struck by Plaster.

Mrs. Anna Raiss, seventy-three years old, died to-day in her home, No. 781 Eleventh avenue, from concussion of the brain, the result of a curious accident that befel her last Monday night while she slept.

She conducted a little candy store at the above address and occupied living rooms in the rear with her two daughters. While asleep in her bed Monday night a section of the ceiling fell upon her, striking her head.

Dr. Collie, of Roosevelt Hospital, dressed her wounds at the time. She was attended to by her own physician, but her advanced age rendered her injury fatal.

The house is old and flimsy. Parts of the ceiling had fallen before, but never in such a quantity as that which caused the old lady's death.

## FREEL WILL IS A TRUST.

After nine years' litigation Surrogate Church, in Brooklyn, to-day handed down a decision that the million-dollar estate of Edward Fred, a wealthy building contractor, who died at No. 333 Clinton avenue, Brooklyn, in 1897, should be held as a trust fund. By the will, the widow was allowed to enjoy the entire income of the estate for life and on her death it was to be divided equally among the three children, Edward F., Francis J. and Philomena.

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